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A SPATE OF NEWS ITEMS CONCERNING THE DRAFT PETROLEUM PRICE DECREE (REFTEL) SUGGESTS THAT THE GOE, SO OFTEN UNCOMMUNICATIVE ON PENDING POLICY, WISHES TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC BY REVEALING AT LEAST THE THRUST OF ITS DECISION IN ADVANCE. BRIEFING THE PRESS AFTER DECEMBER 26 CABINET MEETING SECRETARY GENERAL OF ADMINISTRATION AGUIRRE INDICATED THAT MINNATRES SALAZAR GAVE THE CABINET A FULL RUNDOWN ON OPEC'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH \$10.12 AS AMOUNT FOR GOVERNMENT TAKE AND ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR EACH MEMBER GOVERNMENT TO ADJUST ITS IMPORTS ACCORDINGLY. AGUIRRE SAID SALAZAR'S DRAFT DECREE ON THE SUBJECT WAS REFERRED TO THE INTERMINISTERIAL "ECONOMIC FRONT", HEADED BY FINMIN MONCAYO, FOR ANALYSIS PRIOR TO PRESIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION. IN THE CURRENT WEEK REMAINDERS HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS THAT THE DECISION ON ECUADOR'S APPLICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OPEC'S MEASURES IS UNDER CLOSE STUDY AND ABOUT TO BE

ANNOUNCED. FOLLOWING JANUARY 2 CABINET MEETING, AGUIRRE TOLD PRESS THAT THE SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED BUT THAT THE STUDY AND NEW PETROLEUM PRICE WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT CABINET MEETING. SALAZAR ALSO GAVE THE PRESS A BRIEFING ON OPEC'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH AN AVERAGE TAKE OF \$10.12 ON ARABIAN LIGHT CRUDE BASED ON AN FOB PRICE THERE OF \$10.46. BREWSTER

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